

REVIVE! NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2014

Hello everyone,

It has been a very busy month for REVIVE!, so we have lots of information for you in this month's newsletter. Please distribute this to anyone you think would be interested in REVIVE!. If they would like to receive the newsletter directly, they can send their contact information to Jason at jason.lowe@dbhds.virginia.gov.

TRAINING OF TRAINER EVENTS IN FAR SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA PILOT AREA

Training of Trainer events will be held in Southwest Virginia from November 7th - 10th. The tentative schedule for these events is below:

Friday, November 7th ~ 2:00 p.m.

Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens
216 College Ridge Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Saturday, November 8 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
1 Partnership Circle, Abingdon, VA 24210

Sunday, November 9th ~ 3:00 p.m.

Southwest Virginia Technology Development Center
141 Highland Drive, Lebanon, VA 24266

Monday, November 10 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Wise County Health Department
134 Roberts Avenue SW, Wise, VA 24293

Please click on this link to register for a Training of Trainer event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REVIVEFallTOTs>

PRESCRIPTIONS TO BE PROVIDED AT LAY RESCUER TRAININGS IN FAR SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA PILOT AREA

We are happy to announce that a group of doctors has volunteered to write prescriptions for all Lay Rescuers who attend a training event in the far Southwest Virginia pilot area. Updated versions of the training curriculum and training handbook are being prepared now that detail the steps necessary to insure every Lay Rescuer receives his or her prescription. Special thanks to all of our doctors in the area that are making this possible!

TRAININGS ARE BEING SCHEDULED NOW!

If you're interested in becoming a trainer or Lay Rescuer as part of REVIVE!, please send Jason an email. Plans are being made to host trainings in both pilot areas, so don't miss out! Please pass along the word to all your family members, friends and colleagues who may be interested. Training events and other information are posted on our website. Click here to visit:

<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/individuals-and-families/substance-abuse/revive>

PRESCRIPTIONS AND VOUCHERS IN RICHMOND PILOT AREA

The prescription availability and voucher systems being implemented in the far Southwest Virginia pilot area are the result of the generosity and hard work of individuals in the pilot area communities. We would love to see similar protocols implemented in the Richmond pilot area. If you are or know of a doctor who would be willing to participate, or would like to assist in making naloxone easier to access for Lay Rescuers, please let Jason know.

KEEP DBHDS UPDATED!

We are working on increasing our online presence, including keeping a current listing of all upcoming training events. Once you schedule a training event, please let Jason know so he can add it to the website.

VOUCHER SYSTEM IN PLACE TO ASSIST IN MEDICATION ACCESS IN FAR SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA PILOT AREA

We are also happy to announce that, due to the efforts of the Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition (ASAC), a voucher system has been established in the far Southwest Virginia pilot area to assist in the purchasing of naloxone by Lay Rescuers. The updated training curriculum will also include information on how Lay Rescuers can access the voucher system. DBHDS would like to thank ASAC for its initiative, funding and organizational work that is making this voucher system possible.

For more information about obtaining a voucher, please call the contact person for your region:

- ▶ Lee, Scott, and Wise Counties and Norton City ~ Eric Greene, Planning District One CSB • (276) 523-8300
- ▶ Buchanan, Russell, and Tazewell Counties ~ Karen Smith, Cumberland Mountain CSB • (276) 964-6702
- ▶ Dickenson County ~ Paulette Phillips, Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services • (276) 926-1680
- ▶ Washington County and Bristol City ~ Rebecca Holmes, Highlands CSB • (276) 525-1550

IN THE NEWS...

GOVERNOR MCAULIFFE ESTABLISHES TASK FORCE ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND HEROIN USE

On September 26th, at the Substance Abuse Addiction and Recovery Alliance in Richmond, Governor Terry McAuliffe signed Executive Order 29 establishing the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse. Among other objectives, the task force will recommend ways to raise public awareness about the problem of opioid addiction and identify treatment alternatives to incarceration for people with addiction. The task force will also seek to expand use of naloxone in the Commonwealth. Thanks to Governor McAuliffe for his leadership and vision. You can read the executive order here: <https://governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/executive-orders/eo-29/>.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE EPIDEMIC DEMANDS MANDATORY PHYSICIAN EDUCATION - <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/healthcare/218368-prescription-drug-abuse-epidemic-demands-mandatory-physician>

Christopher Gharibo, MD – The Hill

ATTORNEY GENERAL HERRING CALLS FOR ATTACK ON ILLICIT DRUG USE - http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/local/crime/herring-calls-for-attack-on-illicit-drug-use/article_92f686c2-086b-50b6-9f09-0a16d31e0bcb.html

Bill McKelway, Richmond Times-Dispatch

AHRQ: LITTLE EVIDENCE FOR OPIOIDS IN MANAGING LONG-TERM CHRONIC PAIN - <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1906593&resultClick=3>

Bridget M. Kuehn, Journal of the American Medical Association

*Full report can be found here: <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/products/557/1971/chronic-pain-opioid-treatment-report-140929.pdf>

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS PUBLISHES JOINT POSITION STATEMENT ON EXPANDING ACCESS TO NALOXONE - <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2014/10/prweb12230781.htm>

PRWEB

COMPANY PROPOSES A SAFER ZOHYDRO TO FDA - http://www.bostonherald.com/business/healthcare/2014/10/company_proposes_a_safer_zohydro_to_fda

Marie Szaniszlo, Boston Herald

STATE POLICE PILOT NARCAN PROGRAM PAYS OFF - http://www.masslive.com/news/boston/index.ssf/2014/10/srare_police_pilot_program_pay.html

Dave Canton, MassLive